

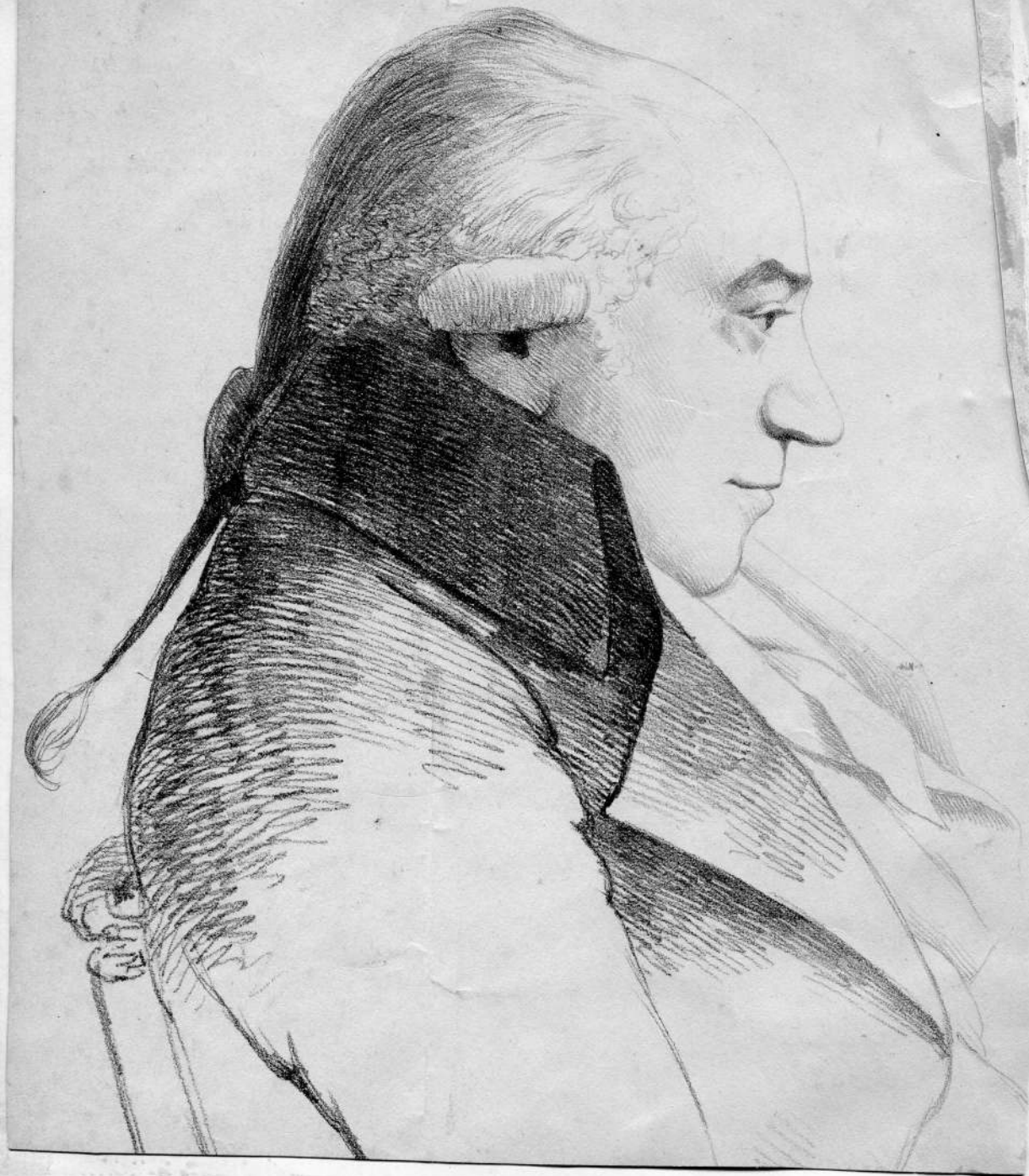


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*a book of Romney*

The following were the very interesting pictures by Romney which have been in the possession of the family of Mr. W. J. Long, of Preshaw, Hants, to whom they belong, from the time they were painted:—"The Bashful Child," 21in. by 17in.—£997 10s. (Agnew); "The Shy Child," 23in. by 21in.—£798 (Agnew); Lady Hamilton, with her hands clasped, 23in. by 20in.—£399 (Agnew); "The Coy Child," a little girl in a white dress, with flaxen hair, 23in. by 21in.—£651 (M. Colnaghi); A Mother and Child, 23in. by 19in.—£183 15s. (Murray); "Lady Hamilton as Circe," standing at the mouth of a rocky cavern raising her left arm, the right holding a wand at her side, in pink dress with dark-blue scarf, wild beasts crouching at her feet, a view of the sea at the side; a large gallery picture. This called forth a round of applause, and, after some competition, was knocked down at the large price of £4,842 10s., but it was understood that the picture was not sold, as the reserve placed on it was said to be fully double this figure. "Cupid and Psyche," unfinished, 50in. by 39in.—£168 (M'Lean); "Macbeth and the Witches" (Henderson as Macbeth), the engraved picture, figures life size to below the knees—£262 10s. (Lewis); "Nessus and Dejanira," sketch—£65 (Davis); Portrait of Hayley, 22in. by 16in.—£141 15s. (Agnew); Head of a Priest, 14in. by 13in.—£22 (Lord Kenyon).

From other collections were sold:—F. Guardi.—view near Venice, with ruined arch and figures—£105 (Myers); Piazza of St. Mark, Venice—£58 16s. (Agnew). By Cosimo Roselli.—a large altar piece, with the Madonna and Child enthroned, with saints, dated in Latin inscription November 28, 1443, on wood, 74in. by 68in., from the Earl of Craven's, Combe Abbey—£105 (Murray). By Claude.—"Mount Helicon, from the Colonna



William Long Esq of Marwell Hall  
Hants.

William Long Esq.

In Salisbury Cathedral, there is a fine Monument by Flaxman to the memory of William Long Esq, who was Surgeon of St Bartholomew's Hospital for 33 years, & formerly Master of the Royal College of Surgeons in London. The figures at the sides represent Science & Benevolence & the architectural part is in the style of the florid Gothic.

He was born in 1748 & died 1818. He was F.R.S & F.S.A. He bought Marwell Hall about 1800.

He was a great friend of Romney the Painter and had many of his pictures. These were sold at Christie's by Walter Lewis Long of Preshard.

The Circe which is a life size portrait of Lady Hamilton was painted in 1782. This beautiful painting together with many other Romneys remained in an upper room at Marwell Hall till 1840 when Mr William Long's widow died, and my father (his nephew) took possession, & removed the pictures to Preshard House. After my father's death in 1870, my brother still was in ignorance of their value for another ten years & more. The Circe was bought by a Mr Gibbs



WALTER LONG, ESQ.  
FRESHAW, HANTS.



*Handwritten text, possibly a name or address, in cursive script.*

In a very pretty part of Hampshire  
there is a lovely Park with a very  
old Elizabethan house. The Park is  
an undulating one, beautifully  
timbered with fine large beech trees,  
a number of whitehorn bushes dotted  
about which in the spring are full  
of the white May blossom. There are a  
number of little dells full of wild flowers  
also a rookery, and thickets of hazel trees,  
near the house formerly there were  
large walnut trees with most abundant  
fruit. In fact I do not believe you  
could find a more lovely spot than  
Preshaw House & its park which stands  
high so that you can see the Isle of  
Wight in some parts. The children  
considered it the most charming place  
in the world. My first recollection was  
of going to my Grandfather's house  
Longwood 3 miles from Preshaw, &  
when I was 5 years old being made



William Lord Northesk  
my grandfather

a great pet of by my Aunt Lady Elizabeth Carnegie who was my Godmother. She gave me her necklaces & bracelets to play with as I sat on the floor in her room. She was married soon afterwards to Captain, afterwards General Thackeray R. E. She was married with special license in the drawing room at Longwood by the Bishop of Winchester. A large Newfoundland dog was always in the schoolroom, and used to take the bread and butter out of my hand.

My little sisters & I wore caps like babies with blue or pink ribbon in them. When I was eight years old we had a nursery governess, my father & mother went away for a few days, but returned suddenly when unexpected, & found the governess walking in the Park with her lover, & we children very busy washing our doll's clothes & hanging them on the bushes in the garden, so my father was angry & thought the laundry maid had run out





*Preslaw from the Park*

the clothes in the garden instead  
of the drying ground. The next  
thing I recollect was being ill with  
a fever when I was 9 years old, and  
the doctor bleeding me in the arm  
and all my curls being cut off.

My grandfather Admiral Lord Northesk  
had the command at Plymouth and  
Sevenport at that time and my parents  
were there with him on his Ship.

They were sent for as the doctors said I  
could not live, so they came by sea  
& road which took several days. The  
old nurse we had then did not like the  
trouble of moving me in my cot; she  
had to strike a light with tinderbox &  
matches which in those days was the only  
way of getting a light. In the year  
1830 my two eldest sisters were to come out  
and I remember the grand ball at Preshaw  
in their honour. There were country dances  
and my two little sisters & I had to dance  
a reel to shew how well we could do it.



The old billiard Room at The Dairy  
Preshaw

I wish I could describe my dear Mother, if I was able to tell what a charming lady, with such sweet manners, so very affable to every one, she was, during her long life, for she lived to be 85 years old. She had a very sweet voice for singing, though not a powerful one; when she sang Scotch songs you could hardly help shedding tears as she sang them in such a feeling manner. She was most popular in society, and the London dinner parties she & my father gave were always thought most charming. She was very clever, began to paint in oils after she was 40 years old, and painted a large picture of The Entombment for the altar piece at Muchelney Church. My father was a real country gentleman had a number of landed estates, so was always very busy. He planted many acres of downland with larch & spruce, and received a gold medal



*Sheriton Cottage  
pulled down about 1895*

from the Duke of Sussex for so doing.  
Preshaw was nearly always full of  
visitors, for my parents were most  
hospitable. I remember Count de Lapasture  
and his bride coming in 1831 just  
before the Agricultural Riots which  
so distressed the country and  
and the and  
we were  
Grand  
London  
to the  
sudden  
Levee  
the same  
so the 3  
lie together  
came by name  
went to Cheam school kept by Dr Mayo  
Then my eldest brother was sent to sea  
for his health, he was a tiny child at  
13 years old. He did grow while he was  
a midshipman but did not like it, so

came home in two or three years  
and left the Navy. My father and  
Lord Douro stood for Northants  
but were defeated by Mess<sup>r</sup> Scott  
& before the Whig party. The  
Reform Bill was passed and  
Winchester illuminated. The Duke of  
Wellington was much vexed that his  
son & my father were thrown out.  
In 1833 my sister Eliz<sup>h</sup> was married to  
W. John Rolles, we went to London for  
the wedding posting for there were no  
railroads in those days. The waggon with  
all our luggage and the servants took  
two days to come to Montague Squ<sup>r</sup>.  
The wedding was not like the marriages  
in these days, no such grand trousseau  
or numbers of presents. The Bride &  
Bridegroom posted to Hazely Court there  
to pass their honey moon before going  
to the Flandre which was then only a  
small shooting box. In 1834 W. Shuckburgh  
came to be the boys tutor, he was engaged



Britain's Famous Seadogs:

JOHN JERVIS, EARL OF ST. VINCENT.

(1734—1823).

This great Admiral, with a far inferior force, fought the glorious Battle off Cape St. Vincent, 14th Feb. 1797, which ended in the complete defeat of the Spaniards. The Earl of St. Vincent was a stern reformer of abuses. England is indebted to him not only for his splendid services in action, but for the improved discipline and spirit which he introduced into every department of the Navy - His personal example was a noble one. His famous ship - "The Victory."

*Carter*



1834

to be married to Miss Lyford so he went every Sunday to preach at Winchester. He only staid a year till he married and went to his home in Wiltshire. Then Mr Boutell came to be the boys tutor. In January 1834 my brother John was thrown off the white poney in hunting, the poney fell with him when he was leaping a hedge. He was taken up insensible & was fled by Mr Smith the doctor; he recovered in a few days. I used to go with my mother to call at Avington where the Duke & Duchess of Buckingham lived, the Duchess was a great friend of my mother's. In April 1834 we went to London, my father used to take me to the Rehearsal of the Ancient Concerts in Hanover Squ. We returned to Preshaw in June as my grandmother Lady Northesk was taken very ill, and my mother was obliged to be with her a great deal. I was sent to her every Saturday till Monday in the month of June; in July

1900



*In the Park, Preshaw*

1835

My Grandmother recovered and in August my Uncle Lord Northesk came home from Italy. In November<sup>th</sup> Patty Rolls was born at 52 Montague Squ, my mother went to be with my sister, my father having lent the house to the Rolls. We had been to Flazeley arrived there at sundown on Monday Dec 13. remained there till the beginning of November, the house being quite full of friends & relations all the time.

In Jan 1835 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fleming and Compton were elected for South Harits.

Mad<sup>me</sup> Ramsau our governess went away and Miss Etheridge ~~called~~ came in her stead. In March W. Redford the artist came, he painted my portrait; and taught us to draw. My eldest brother was at Oriel College Oxford, William and John at home under W. Boutell's care. W. Boutell was engaged to be married to Miss Chvalis and she was invited to stay at Presant. We returned

1835



*Sporting dogs Vernalls*

1836

1836

to Preshaw in July. We went to Muchelney 20 July and took the picture which my mother had painted for the Church; Mr. Boutell superintended the placing of the picture over the Altar. On leaving Muchelney we went to Glastonbury, Wells and slept at Stourton.

I enjoyed immensely all we saw that day. The next day we went to Stourhead & saw the beautiful pictures there, & returned to Preshaw in the evening. August 8<sup>th</sup> We went to a grand picnic at Fishers pond 32 people. Miss Etheridge was sent away having been discovered in making fierce love to my brother William.

John gazetted Cornet in the 10<sup>th</sup> Hussars in this month. The Saunderss came often to spend the day with us.

Our new governess was a french one by name Madam Durozy.

My dear Grandmother died 20 November 1835.



1836

Now I have finished writing about  
the first 15 years of my life.

We were all brought up in the most  
simple plain ways, living entirely in  
the country. The old coachman taught us  
to ride the ponies, one a small shetland  
one, the other an old white mare. I never  
was afraid of anything, and was certainly  
a most active child. My father was  
very fond of his horses, & drove four in hand.  
Being 4 miles from any town, no one  
ever went to shops, the sheep were  
killed at home, the beer was brewed in  
the brewhouse, the bread was made at  
the farm, where the dairy was also. All  
the children, governess & tutor dined  
at 1 o'clock on very plain food. When  
the beer was brewing we were allowed  
to drink some sweet wort <sup>before my first hops</sup> for a great  
treat, otherwise no one ever drank beer or  
wine in the schoolroom. Then to go to  
Church on Sundays, the large coach was  
in requisition as there was no Church in



THE HENDRE,  
of Monmouth.





1836

those days nearer than Bishop's Cleeve  
or Upham. Our Parish was Corhampton  
but that was 5 miles off. On Sunday  
afternoons the children of the few  
cottages on the estate came to say  
the catechism, and to spell and read  
a little, there were no schools Sunday  
or Weekday schools for miles round us.

1836. Now in this year my parents  
had many visitors to stay in the  
house, my mother having 3 brothers  
unmarried Lord Northesk, Hon John &  
& Susan Carnegie; found her parties  
most popular. The Astleys, Wyndhams  
Campbells, Lyons, Legges, Butlers  
Tichbornes, Rivers and many more  
families often came to Preshaw.

In Feb. 1836 we all went to London  
my Uncle John Carnegie was married  
at Kimbleton to Miss Stevenson a friend  
of Mr Long at Marwell, she had a  
large fortune. My father took my eldest  
sister to Suffolk to stay at Dr Chevalier's.



Vernal's Gymnasium  
& Beauty.

1836

My father enjoyed his visit of a week  
there & returned to London leaving  
my sister there. We remained in London  
till the end of June, my parents  
had many dinner parties at home, &  
went to a great many parties. I  
was not out, so only went to a  
few plays & now & then a drive in  
the Park with my mother. One day  
at the Zoological gardens my youngest  
sister 7 years old would go on feeding  
the bears with buns, and reached over and  
had I not violently pulled her back by her  
frook would have been a prey to the  
bears. 10 June 1836 there was a grand  
Review in Hyde Park to which we all  
went with governess & servants. The  
crowd was so great that I was pushed  
up against some railings, a man took  
hold of my long plaits of hair & lifted  
himself in that way so as to see better, a  
gentleman rescued me, and took me  
back to my party. My mother went with



*Beer Village*

1836

Uncle John & M<sup>r</sup> Carnegie to Wales, from there to Ireland, then to Scotland, she was away a month, they travelled by coach & jaunting cars in Ireland.

From Belfast in steamer to Glasgow then they went to Kintyre to the Lindsay Carnegies, and went to Ethie one day. On 16. August arrived at Edinburgh staid with Lady A. Cruskshank Then went to Gen<sup>l</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Maillands at Manderton for 4 days. From Edinburgh they went by mail coach to York staid there 3 days, and then to London by coach & next day 25 Aug arrived at Preshaw, I took care of my father while my dear mother was away on her tour. We did not go to Haseley that year, our governess Mad De Rosy went away October 1<sup>st</sup>. for nearly 3 months we had no governess, and then at Christmas M<sup>r</sup> Troye brought his sister who was to talk French with us, and helps keeps up our music. So 1836 ended.



1837

1837. Much snow in January.

In February my mother went alone to the Hendre, journeying by Coach. She had intended to remain till Eliz Rolls confinement, but returned to Preshaw on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. as she heard my father was not well. On that evening my father & I sat by the fire in the drawing room expecting her, it was very late when at last she arrived having been upset in the Coach near Marlborough. She was inside and there was difficulty in getting her out through the window. The passengers all took refuge in a little cottage till another coach was procured, they were very cold and wretched waiting about. John Allen Rolls was born at the Hendre on 19 Feb. Uncle Swynfen Carnegie came to stay in March; much snow & frost all that month. We went to London 21<sup>st</sup> April staid there till 22 June. While in London my younger sisters & I went to the Dancing Academy once a week

